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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(Honorable M. James Lorenz)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. **BERNAL ANTHONY MITCHELL (5)**, Defendant.	Case No.: 08-CR-0256-005-L DECLARATION OF MAHIR T. SHERIF IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER ALLOWING COPY CONNECTION TO BILL THIS COURT DIRECTLY FOR ITS SERVICES.

I, Mahir T. Sherif, declare as follows:

1. I am the court-appointed attorney for Defendant Bernal Anthony Mitchell.

2. The case against Mr. Mitchell is complex and involves a conspiracy to distribute and sell methamphetamine and cocaine. The Complaint for this case contains over 50 pages of allegations against a multitude of defendants. The Complaint alleges that the United State's Agents performed numerous wiretaps and controlled sales of narcotics. The discovery in this case has already been quite large and more discovery is expected to be produced by the United States.

3. I paid Copy Connection's invoice for the first round of discovery produced by the United States. A second round of discovery sits at Copy Connection, however, it will not turn this discovery over to me until the second invoice is paid in full. Copy Connection employees have expressed their frustration that I have not picked up the discovery because it is large cointinues to get in the way of the employees.

4. Financially I am not in the position to continue covering the costs of discovery and believe that Mr. Mitchell is also in the same position.

5. I must review all discovery to adequately and competently represent Mr. Mitchell.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 28, 2008 in San Diego, California.

Dated: April 28, 2008

/s/ Mahir T. Sherif, Esq.
Mahir T. Sherif